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Milk Cows and Milk Production October - December Quarter 2004 and 2005							
	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow		Milk Production		
STATE	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2005/2004
	Thousand		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
Delaware	7.5	7.1	4,200	4,197	31.5	29.8	95
Maryland	73	71	3,904	3,958	285	281	99
United States	9,019	9,050	4,655	4,818	41,983	43,605	104

1 Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

U.S. CATTLE

CLASS	2004	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	1,000 HEAD			
Cattle and Calves	94,888	95,438	97,102	102
Cows and Heifers That have Calved	41,851	41,920	42,311	101
Beef Cows	32,861	32,915	33,253	101
Milk Cows	8,990	9,005	9,058	101
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	19,345	19,573	19,978	102
For Beef Cow Replacement	5,518	5,691	5,905	104
For Milk Cow Replacement	4,020	4,118	4,278	104
Other Heifers	9,806	9,763	9,795	100
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	16,277	16,476	16,923	103
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,206	2,219	2,263	102
Calves Under 500 Pounds	15,210	15,250	15,626	102
Calf Crop	37,903	37,505	37,780	101
Cattle on Feed	13,813	13,745	14,132	103

U.S. AND MARYLAND SHEEP AND LAMBS

U.S. AND MARYLAND SHEEP & LAMBS BY CLASS . JANUARY 1, 2005-2006				
ITEM	2005		2006	
	MD	U.S.	MD	U.S.
	-----thousand-----			
All Sheep & Lambs	23.0	6,135	22.0	6,230
Breeding	17.5	4,533	16.0	4,639
Ewes	14.0	3,573	12.5	3,657
Rams	1.5	190	1.0	196
Replacement Lambs	2.0	771	2.5	786
Market Sheep & Lambs	5.5	1602	6.0	1591
under 65	1.7	413	2.8	416
65 to 84	1.0	215	0.8	210
85 to 105	0.7	382	0.3	362
over 105	0.5	518	0.1	526
Market Sheep	1.6	74	2.0	76
Lamb Crop	15.5	4,125	-----	-----

U.S. AGRICULTURAL PRICES

Commodity	Unit	United States			Parity
		Jan 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	
Dollars					
Wheat, Winter	BU	3.28	3.46	3.38	10.30
Corn	BU	2.12	1.92	1.96	7.66
Barley	BU	2.41	2.49	2.41	7.16
Soybeans	BU	5.57	5.77	5.51	16.90
All Hay, Baled ¹	TON	87.80	92.00	91.20	----
Apples, Fresh	LB	0.216	0.265	0.260	0.520
All Beef Cattle	CWT	89.40	93.60	94.40	190.00
Calves	CWT	125.00	134.00	137.00	264.00
Hogs	CWT	53.20	44.30	41.60	115.00
Broilers	LB	0.430	0.390	0.380	----
Turkeys, Live	LB	0.393	0.543	0.408	1.080
Eggs, Market	DOZ	0.373	0.564	0.438	1.75

1/ Agricultural Prices are published at the end of each month throughout the year for the United States and selected states. Maryland is not in the monthly prices program; however, price information is available for Maryland commodities at the end of each production year. Throughout the year on Friday, the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service in cooperation with the Maryland Department of Agriculture publishes the Maryland Grain and Livestock report. This report contains current commodity price quotes from local and regional markets throughout Maryland and can be viewed at [http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statstics by State/Maryland/Publications](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statstics_by_State/Maryland/Publications)

NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS

The number of farms in Delaware and Maryland remained unchanged in 2005, while total land in farms declined in both states. This is primarily the result of an increase in the number of small farms. In Maryland, total land in farms dropped 10,000 acres, from 2.05 million acres in 2004 to 2.04 million acres in 2005. The total number of farms remained at 12,100 farms. In Delaware, agricultural acreage dropped from 525,000 acres in 2004 to 520,000 acres in 2005. The number of farms was unchanged, at 2,300.

United States. Nationwide, there was a decline in both land in farms and number of farms. Total land in farms in the United States, at 933.4 million acres, decreased 2.9 million acres, or 0.3 percent, from 2004. The number of farms declined in 2005, to 2.1 million, 0.6 percent fewer than in 2004. The average farm size was 444 acres during 2005, an increase of one acre from the previous year.

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